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Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. In all other locations, weekly prices ranged unchanged to slightly higher on the larger sizes and continued unchanged on medium. The market tone was at least steady to instances fully steady. Demand into all outlets was light to good. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate. Breaking stock demand was light for adequate to available supplies. Light type hens were at least sufficient for normal to reduced processing schedules.

## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment at least steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to at times good. Loose egg sales were usually light to moderate and showing signs of improvement. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings adequate to available with demand usually light. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time and continued to vary from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-70	65-67
LARGE	61-69	63-67
MEDIUM	48-54	51-54

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	46-50
MEDIUM	31-35
SMALL	12-16

MW AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, WESTERN NY & WESTERN PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient, demand was light to moderate at best. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75
LARGE	66-81	71-75
MEDIUM	53-65	55-57

NE AREA: CT,DC,DE,MA,MD,ME,NH,EASTERN NJ,EASTERN PA, RI, NORTHERN VA & VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were 2 cents higher for large sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand moderate to good. Food service movement usually moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies of all sizes adequate to fully adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	72-81
LARGE	70-79
MEDIUM	53-62

SC AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK AND TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on medium and irregular on the larger sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was generally steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for present needs. Breaking stock demand was light with offerings sufficient from regular suppliers. Light type fowl were at least adequate for normal to reduced processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-76	70-73
LARGE	67-74	68-71
MEDIUM	51.5-59	52-56

SE AREA: AL,FL,GA,MS,NC,SC,EASTERN TN, AND SOUTHERN VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN

**CHICAGO** Prices on all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to instances good where features are a factor. Supplies are generally adequate to available.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	69-75
LARGE	67-73
MEDIUM	52-58

**NEW YORK** Prices began the week unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	62-66

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 9% lower than last Monday with California down 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 16%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 3% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 66. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 149, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	102
MEDIUM	86

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-319	JUMBO	249-319
EXTRA LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	229-319
LARGE	209-219	LARGE	209-259
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	179-215

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 14, 2003 will decrease by 17 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 07, 2003 were 216,205 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	177,365	38,840	216,205
% change from the prior week.....	-6	-15	-8

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings adequate or available with demand usually light. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time and continued to vary from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	38-41
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-32
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the fully sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-MAR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	8.00
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were nearly unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was fair for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-MAR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-10 CENTS/LB.	7.5-8.5	8.34

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 10, 2003**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Change	Number of	Cooperators	
		Cases	Change		Cooperators		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.8	24.3	7.4	14.3	12.1	68.9
	Change	1.4	4.9	-1.0	-0.4	-0.5	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.4	46.0	14.4	22.7	27.5	134.0
	Change	4.1	3.7	-4.0	1.0	-2.1	2%
Large	Curr Wk	52.7	91.0	77.9	97.4	100.1	419.1
	Change	21.2	-2.1	2.5	7.8	-10.0	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.5	33.4	14.6	24.2	20.1	105.8
	Change	0.9	-9.6	-1.4	2.3	-1.9	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	9.1	1.7	7.6	3.2	25.9
	Change	-0.1	-0.7	0.3	0.1	-1.3	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	19.2	7.3	13.1	7.7	52.5
	Change	1.4	-2.5	-0.1	-6.4	1.0	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.4	53.0	19.8	38.6	23.2	152.0
	Change	3.4	-12.8	6.0	2.7	-3.8	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	127.3	276.0	143.1	217.9	193.9	958.2
Percent	Change	34%	-6%	2%	3%	-9%	0%
Shell Egg			958.2		0%		175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/			267.8		-5%		38
Total Shell Egg			1226.0		-1%		213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 24, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 07, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 16.75								FUTURE LOADS 6.50				TOTAL LOADS 23.25			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	51.00	52.00	—	—	4.00	GNR W 1	—	55.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	64.50	66.00	62.50	—	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	68.50	71.00	.75
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	53.00	2.00
GL W MD	—	—	45.00	47.00	43.50	—	3.75								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	41.25	43.00	8.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/03/03-03/07/03

CURRENT LOADS 123.25								FUTURE LOADS 70.00				TOTAL LOADS 193.25			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	49.50	51.93	50.63	56.94	54.93	—	55.00	GNR W 1	55.67	56.46	—	—	—	58.22	23.00
GNR W 2	—	53.00	—	54.00	—	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	87.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	62.00	—	—	65.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	61.00	—	—	—	68.25	69.60	11.75
GL W J	—	66.00	—	—	58.48	—	9.25	GL W XL	60.00	—	—	64.00	67.00	67.82	17.25
GL W XL	—	61.78	64.25	65.74	57.17	—	40.00	GL W LG	74.80	60.43	—	—	66.00	65.97	31.25
GL W LG	64.00	64.00	65.38	66.26	57.07	60.50	76.25	GL W MD	46.60	49.33	—	52.50	49.60	52.46	19.25
GL W MD	—	49.00	44.75	47.51	42.72	43.60	29.00	GL W SM	26.00	28.50	—	—	—	33.00	2.00
GL W SM	30.50	33.00	30.50	32.00	27.00	—	4.00	GL BR XL	97.00	—	—	—	—	105.00	.50
GL BR XL	—	—	—	99.20	—	—	1.25	GL BR LG	97.00	—	—	—	—	105.00	.50
GL BR LG	—	—	—	100.50	—	—	1.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.00	41.25	41.63	29.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	29.25	8.25								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/03/03	02/24/03	03/04/02
PACIFIC COAST	520	611	333
LOS ANGELES	477	565	295

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 02/23/03-02/28/03  
30-dozen case 6,783

Receipts from the mainland: 02/16/03-02/22/03  
30-dozen case 7,649

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. Supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88.27
LARGE	86.27
MEDIUM	71.27
SMALL	54.27

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